

9, Charlotte Square

Edinburgh

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My dear Sir

Allow me to
beg your acceptance of a
pamphlet, which I send
by the same post, con-
taining an account of some
investigations into the
subject which you have
done so much to elucidate
the germ theory of fermenta-
tive changes.

I flatter myself that you
may read with some interest
what I have written on
the organism which you

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were the first to describe
in your "Mémoire sur
la fermentation appelée
lactique."¹¹

I do not know whether
the records of British Surgery
ever meet your eye.
If so, you will have seen
from time to time notices
of the antisепtic system
of Trestoment, which I have
been labouring for the
last nine years to bring
to perfection.

Allow me to take this

opportunity to tender you
my most cordial thanks
for having, by your brilliant
researches, demonstrated to
me the truth of the germ
theory of putrefaction and
thus furnished me with
the principle upon which
alone the antiseptic system
can be carried out. Should
you at any time visit
Edinburgh it would,
I believe, give you sincere
gratification to see
at our hospital how

largely mankind is being
benefited by your labours.

I need hardly add that
it would afford me the
highest gratification to show
you here how greatly Surgery
is indebted to you.

Forgive the freedom
with which a common love
of science inspires me
and

Believe me,
With profound respect,

Yours very sincerely

Joseph Lister

Mons^{ieur} Louis Pasteur
de la
Académie